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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Joel Phillips <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2016 9:25 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Request to not adopt Rule 8.4

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Honorable Ed Smith  
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Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Honorable members of the Montana Supreme Court,

It has come to my attention that a new rule has been proposed for the Montana Supreme Court in direct effect of Montana lawyers, Rule 8.4.

I believe that this rule will do much harm to lawyers in their rights of free speech as they practice law in accordance with their beliefs.

It opens the door to the persecution of lawyers who hold certain beliefs and choose their clientele according to those beliefs.

I very strongly ask that you do not adopt this rule for the Montana Supreme Court and dismiss it entirely.

Thank you,  
Joel Phillips  
Age 19

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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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